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SUBJ: BELIZE: MINISTERS WILL REVIEW SINGLE TEXT OF TREATY

1. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 16 WITH DIRECTOR BELIZE AFFAIRS, FONOFF (RODRIGUEZ) WHO SAID BRITISH AND GUATEMALAN NEGOTIATORS IN NEW YORK EARLIER THIS MONTH HAD AGREED ON SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT OF TREATY SETTLEINGUATEMALA-BELIZE DISPUTE. TEXT OF COURSE HAS NUMBER OF ALTERNATE WORDINGS IN BRACKETS AND DOES NOT MENTION KEY ISSUE OF TERRITORY, WHICH IS TO BE DEALT WITH IN ANNEX THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN DRAFTED LET ALONE DISCUSSED. TREATY DOES GUARANTEE INDEPENDENCE OF BELIZE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY (OF WHATEVER TERRITORY IS AGREED UPON IN ANNEX). GOG BELIEVES SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND SEES NO OBSTACLE TO NEXT SESSION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL (ROWLANDS-MOLINA).

2. AS ROWLANDS MUST VISIT COLOMBIA IN MID-SEPTEMBER, AND
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HAS OTHER COMMITMENTS IN LONDON BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24,

TWO COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED AGAINST LONDON AS SITE AND ARE DISCUSSING MINISTERIAL MEETING IN PANAMA IN PERIOD SEP 20-22.

3. GOG SEES AS PRINCIPAL REMAINING PROBLEM WHETHER BELIZE CAN BE BROUGHT TO ACCEPT ANY AGREEMENT ROWLANDS AND MOLINA MAY REACH. RODRIGUEZ REFERRED WITH CONCERN TO ANNOUNCEMENT AUGUST 8 BY BELIZE OPPOSITION PARTY WITHDRAWING FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN TALKS AND DISCLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUT-COME. RODRIGUEZ ALSO WORRIED BY WHAT BELIZE MIGHT DO IN UNGA THIS FALL, AND THOUGHT NATURE OF RESOLUTION PREMIER PRICE SEEKS AT COLOMBO NAC CONFERENCE WOULD BE HARBINGER. RODRIGUEZ SAID ROWLANDS AND MOLINA WOULD DISCUSS UNGA STRATEGY WHEN THEY MEET. HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEM WITH REPORT TO UN BRITISH WILL MAKE, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER BRITISH COULD KEEP PRICE AND HIS CARIBBEAN ALLIES FROM INTRODUCING RESOLUTION EVEN STIFFER THAT LAST YEAR'S WHICH COULD ENDANGER FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. ANDREWS

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